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1. Prof. Josef Stanek, who took office as head of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFI) on 21 June 1955,¹ has succeeded in greatly improving the relations of this office with the East German government. Stanek is considered an efficient administrator of research and development by the government.
2. Among the policy lines so far followed by Stanek, the following tendencies are clearly recognizable:
 - a. Stanek is trying to shift the responsibility for the East German research and development more and more to the Ministries, and to their Main Administrations. This applies particularly to industrial research and development. At the same time, he is trying to strengthen ZAFI's position with respect to over-all administrative supervision and control of all research and development projects initiated by the Ministries.
 - b. It is Stanek's goal to transfer all Work Circles and Work Groups to the jurisdiction of the Ministries and their Main Administrations. This is contrary to the efforts of Stanek's predecessor, Prof. Werner Lange, who tried to keep a large number of Work Circles and Groups under ZAFI.
 - c. In his short time in office, Stanek has impressed the ZAFI personnel as being a very efficient administrator. He is considered to be, at the same time, much more energetic and diplomatic than his predecessor, Prof. Werner Lange. As ZAFI legal advisor Wolfgang Goepelt expressed it in a conference of ZAFI Referents in early August 1955: "Stanek succeeds in obtaining results with several Ministries in one day which Lange was unable to obtain with one Ministry during several weeks."

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